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Attorney Docket No. 97P8646US**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Inventor: B. Heimberg, et al.)

Serial No.: 09/530,653)

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Group Art Unit: 1775

Examiner: Archene A. Turner

Title: PRODUCT, PARTICULARLY COMPONENT OF A GAS TURBINE
WITH CERAMIC THERMAL BARRIER COATINGAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the final rejection of all claims in Paper Number 16, mailed 02/26/2003, applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

The applicants respectfully request the entry of this amendment and reconsideration of each of the reasons for rejection in light of the remarks provided herein. The applicants believe that some of the rejections contained in Paper Number 16 are without merit, as described more fully in the Remarks section herein. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the application will, at best, place the application in condition for allowance, or will, at least, place the rejected claims and the Examiner's position in better form for consideration upon appeal.

Amendments to the claims are shown beginning on the following page: